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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 09/667,164	Applicant(s) BALLACHINO, WILLIAM E.	
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,8-16 and 19-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,8-16 and 19-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 12/27/2006.
2. Claims 1-5, 8-16, and 19-31 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 12, and 23 are independent claims. In Amendment, claims 6-7 and 17-18 are cancelled and claims 24-31 are added. This Office Action is made non-final after a RCE filed 12/27/2006.

#### ***Claim Objections***

3. Claims 24, 28, and 31 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Re claim 24, the applicant is advised to review the subscript of C<sub>y</sub>(1).

Re claim 28, it has the same objection as cited above claim 24.

Re claim 31, it is missing a period or dot (.) at the end of the claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-5, 8-16, and 19-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Uya (U.S. 4,682,303).

Re claim 1, Uya discloses in Figure 2 an M-bit adder (e.g. an adder in Figure 2 wherein M is equate to 26) capable of receiving a first M-bit argument (e.g. first argument as A0-A25), a second M-bit argument (e.g. second argument as B0-B25), and a carry-in "Ci" (e.g. C4, C8, C13, C19, and C26 into respective cells) bit comprising:

M adder cells arranged in R rows (e.g. as seen in Figure 2 wherein the cell for adding bits 13-18 includes components 34-35, 40-41, and 43), wherein a least significant adder cell in a first one of rows of adder cells (e.g. P2) is operable to:

receive a first data bit,  $A_x$ , from first M-bit argument and a first data bit,  $B_x$ , from second M-bit argument (e.g.  $A_4$  and  $B_4$  respectively in Figure 2),

generate a first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$  (e.g.  $C_8^1$  from 21 in Figure 2 in P2 cell), and a second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$  (e.g.  $C_8^0$  from 20 in Figure 2 in P2 cell), and

provide the first and second conditional carry-out bits (e.g. output of  $C_8^1$  and  $C_8^0$  in Figure 2) to another of adder cells (e.g. the outputs of carry are fed to logic gates 24 and 25 of next cell P3),

wherein  $C_x(1)$  bit is calculated assuming a row carry-out bit from a second row of adder cells preceding first row is a 1 (e.g. expression 2 in col. 3) and  $C_x(0)$  bit is calculated assuming row carry-out bit from second row is a 0 (e.g. expression 4 in col. 4); and

wherein the second one of the adder cells (e.g. the second cell is the cell receives the carry-out bits from the previous first cell) in the first one of the rows is operable to:

receive a first data bit,  $A_{x+1}$  from the first M-bit argument and a first data bit,  $B_{x+1}$ , from the second M-bit argument (e.g. Figures 3-4 wherein each block of computation can be done/performed for only a single input bit of operand),

receive both the first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$  and the second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$  (e.g. both  $C_{19}^1$  as conditional carry-out bit  $C_x^1$  and  $C_{19}^0$  as conditional carry-out bit  $C_x^0$  are inputted into the logic circuit XOR-NNAND of the next cell as seen in Figure 2);

generate both a first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_{x+1}(1)$ , and a second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_{x+1}(0)$  (e.g.  $C_{25}^1$  and  $C_{25}^0$  respectively in Figure 2) by propagating the first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$  and the second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$  through a first pass gate and a second pass gate (e.g. logic gates 54-55 in Figure 2), respectively, when the first data bit  $A_{x+1}$  and the second data bit  $B_{x+1}$  are not equal (e.g. as high or low logic for the logic 54 in Figure 2), and

output the first and second conditional carry-out bit  $C_{x+1}(1)$  and  $C_{x+1}(0)$  to other circuitry (e.g.  $C_{25}^1$  and  $C_{25}^0$  respectively in Figure 2 for the next bit set).

Re claim 2, Uya further discloses in Figure 2 least significant adder cell generates a first conditional sum bit (e.g.  $S^0_4$  in Figure 2), and a second conditional sum bit (e.g.  $S^1_4$  in Figure 2).

Re claim 3, Uya further discloses in Figure 2  $S_x(1)$  bit is calculated assuming row carry-out bit from second row is a 1 (e.g. 65) and  $S_x(0)$  bit is calculated assuming 4 row carry-out bit from second row is a 0 (e.g. 70).

Re claim 4, Uya further discloses in Figure 2 row carry-out bit selects one of  $S_x(1)$  bit and  $S_x(0)$  bit to be output by least significant adder cell (e.g. 32).

Re claim 5, Uya further discloses in Figure 2 other circuitry comprises: a third adder cell in the first one of rows of adder cells, and wherein the third adder cell receives a third data bit,  $A_{x+2}$ , from the first M-bit argument and a third data bit,  $B_{x+2}$ , from the second M-bit argument, and receives from the second adder cell  $C_{x+1}(1)$  bit and the  $C_{x+1}(0)$  bit (e.g. repeat the process as seen in Figure 2 and claim 1 for the next cell in the row).

Re claim 8, Uya further discloses in Figures 1-4 second adder cell (e.g. adder for adding A5 and B5) generates a first conditional sum bit S1 (e.g. S5 in Figure 3), wherein S1 bit is generated from A5 data bit, B5 data bit, and CH0 bit from least significant adder cell.

Re claim 9, Uya further discloses in Figures 1-4 second adder cell (e.g. adder for adding A5 and B5) generates a second conditional sum bit, wherein S1 (e.g. S5 in Figure 4) bit is generated from A5 data bit, B5 data bit, and CL0 bit from least significant adder cell.

Re claim 10, Uya further discloses in Figures 1-4 row carry-out bit selects one of  $Sl(1)$  bit and  $Sl(0)$  bit to be output by second adder cell (e.g. 24 and 25 in Figure 2).

Re claim 11, Uya further discloses first row of adder cells contains N adder cells and second row of adder cells preceding first row contains less than N adder cells (e.g. P3, P4, and P5 wherein P3 has 5 adder cells, P4 has 6 adder cells, and P5 has 5 adder cells).

Re claim 12, it is a processor claim of claim 1. Thus, claim 12 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 1.

Re claim 13, it is a processor claim of claim 2. Thus, claim 13 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 2.

Re claim 14, it is a processor claim of claim 3. Thus, claim 14 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 3.

Re claim 15, it is a processor claim of claim 4. Thus, claim 15 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 4.

Re claim 16, it is a processor claim of claim 5. Thus, claim 16 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 5.

Re claim 17, it is a processor claim of claim 6. Thus, claim 17 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 6.

Re claim 18, it is a processor claim of claim 7. Thus, claim 18 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 7.

Re claim 19, it is a processor claim of claim 8. Thus, claim 19 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 8.

Re claim 20, it is a processor claim of claim 9. Thus, claim 20 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 9.

Re claim 21, it is a processor claim of claim 10. Thus, claim 21 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 10.

Re claim 22, it is a processor claim of claim 11. Thus, claim 22 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 11.

Re claim 23, it is a method claim of claim 1. Thus, claim 23 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 1.

Re claim 24, Uya further discloses in Figure 2 the second adder cell further comprises: a first inverter operable for inverting said first conditional carry-out bit  $Cx(1)$  transmitted through said first pass gate prior to outputting said first conditional carry-out bit  $Cv(1)$  (e.g. AND and INVERT logic as seen in Figure 3 prior outputting  $C_8^1$ ); and a second inverter operable for inverting said second conditional carry-out bit  $Cv(0)$  transmitted through said second pass gate prior to outputting said second conditional carry-out bit  $Cv(0)$  (e.g. AND and INVERT logic as seen in Figure 3 prior outputting  $C_8^0$ ).

Re claim 25, Uya further discloses in Figure 2 second adder cell further comprises: a first inverter operable for inverting said received conditional carry-out bit  $Cx(1)$  prior to transmission through said first pass gate (e.g. AND and INVERT logic as seen in Figure 3 prior outputting  $C_8^1$  to transmitted to the NAND gate 24 in Figure 2); and a second inverter operable for inverting said received second conditional carry-out bit  $Cx(0)$  prior to transmission through said second pass gate (e.g. AND and INVERT logic as seen in Figure 3 prior outputting  $C_8^0$  to transmitted to the OR gate 24 in Figure 2).

Re claim 26, Uya further discloses in Figure 2 other circuitry comprises: a row multiplexer, wherein said row carry-out bit from said second row of adder cells preceding said first row selects one of said  $Cx+l(1)$  bit and said  $Cx+l(0)$  bit to be output by said row multiplexer (e.g. multiplexer 43 in Figure 2).



Re claim 27, Uya further discloses in Figure 2 first adder cell comprises: a first multiplexer operable for receiving said first conditional sum bit,  $S_x(1)$  and said second conditional sum bit  $S_x(0)$ , wherein said row carry-out bit selects one of said  $S_x(1)$  bit and said  $S_x(0)$  bit to be output by said first adder cell (e.g. multiplexer 33 in Figure 2); and said second adder cell comprises: a second multiplexer operable for receiving said second conditional sum bit  $S_{x+i}(1)$  and said second conditional sum bit  $S_{x+j}(0)$ , wherein said row carry-out bit selects one of said  $S_{x+i}(1)$  bit and said  $S_{x+j}(0)$  bit to be output by said second adder cell (e.g. multiplexer 43 in Figure 2).

Re claim 28, it is a processor claim of claim 24. Thus, claim 28 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 24.

Re claim 29, it is a processor claim of claim 25. Thus, claim 29 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 25.

Re claim 30, it is a processor claim of claim 26. Thus, claim 31 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 26.

Re claim 31, it is a processor claim of claim 27. Thus, claim 31 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 27.

### ***Response to Arguments***

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5, 8-16, and 19-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

a. The applicant argues up-front in pages 15-16 that the cited reference by Uya fails to disclose the limitation "generate both a first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_{x+i}(1)$ , and a

second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_{x+1}(0)$  by propagating said first conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(1)$  and said second conditional carry-out bit,  $C_x(0)$  through a first pass gate and a second pass gate, respectively, when said first data bit  $A_{x+1}$  and said second data bit  $B_{x+1}$  are not equal.” as cited in the claim invention.

The examiner respectfully submits that the rejection above clearly addresses the argument wherein Uya clearly and expressively discloses the limitations. The examiner respectfully requests the applicant focuses on Figures 2-4 wherein the block is a single cell instead of a block of 4 cells. Whenever  $A_{x+1}$  and  $B_{x+1}$  are not equal, it would generate  $C_{x+1}^1$  as 1 and  $C_{x+1}^0$  as 0 (e.g. see Figures 3-4 the last cell in with only OR and AND gates), thus the logic gates OR-NNAND 24-25 will propagate the previous carry input bits.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chat C. Do whose telephone number is (571) 272-3721. The examiner can normally be reached on M => F from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

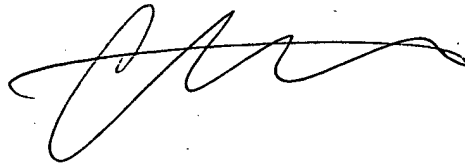
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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February 17, 2007

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